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Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

# MontCAS Presents

Fall Semester 2009 Online Course: *Formative Assessment*

- Purpose of Course:
  - To increase understanding of formative assessment and to help participants become skillful users of formative assessment in their classrooms.
- Participants: Individual educators or teams of educators
- 3 Graduate Credits through Montana State University
- Up to 21 renewal units available
- The class will be conducted by Dr. Margaret Heritage of UCLA's CRESST (Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing) and coordinated by Judy Snow, State Assessment Director.
- Northwest Comprehensive Center specialists will facilitate the learning communities.
- National and Montana educators will present during the sessions.
- Featured presenters:
  - W. Jim Popham, UCLA
  - Ellen Osmundson, UCLA, CRESST
  - Caroline Wylie, Educational Testing Service (ETS)
  - Richard Stiggins, Educational Testing Service (ETS)
- Class Schedule:
  - 3:30 pm. - 5:00 pm Mountain Time, Alternate Thursdays, August 20 - December 3, 2009.
  - The first session is on August 20 and will be repeated on August 27.
- Learning Communities/Study Groups Schedule:
  - 3:30 pm. - 5:00 pm Mountain Time, Alternate Thursdays, Sept. 3 - November 12, 2009.
- Course text and readings:
  - J. Gardner (Ed.). *Assessment and Learning*. London: SAGE publications Ltd. (2006).  
NOTE: The course text will be provided to registrants while the supply lasts. OPI will verify registration by August 12 to facilitate shipping the texts.
  - Other readings will be available online or provided to participants.
- Technical Information for Accessing the Online Course:
  - All the sessions will be delivered online by webinar. Instructions for accessing the course will be emailed after registration.
  - The platform for the course is Adobe Connect which is supported by the Office of Public Instruction. In order for participants to connect and listen to the sessions, they must have speakers and Adobe Flash Player (which is already installed on 98% of computers today).
  - For assistance, please contact Karen Richem 406-444-0748 or [krichem@mt.gov](mailto:krichem@mt.gov)
- Registration and the draft syllabus are online: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/Assessment/MCPresents.html>
- Please contact Judy Snow, 406-444-3656 or [jsnow@mt.gov](mailto:jsnow@mt.gov) with questions.

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